

This is William L. D'Agostino, WB1DMK, and I am a 26+ year veteran of the Amateur Radio Service. I am opposed to the petitions and comments concerning the elimination of the 5 word per minute Morse Code Requirement needed to operate an Amateur Radio Station in the short wave bands (i.e., less than 30 MHz). See Petitions RM-10781 through RM-10787.

However, I wish to offer a compromise. Instead of dropping the Morse Code Requirement, I suggest that the Commission only changes the rules for the 10-Meter Band (i.e., 28-29 MHz). For the 10-Meter Band only, I suggest that the Commission should allow operators who have not passed the minimum 5 per minute Morse Code requirement the ability to use the 10-Meter band. This compromise will allow No-Code Technician Class operators a "taste" of short wave communications and give them an incentive to upgrade to a higher Amateur Radio Class.

In conclusion, I believe that the Commission should KEEP the Morse Code Requirement for short wave communications, except that the Commission should make a compromise which will allow No-Code license operation in the 10-Meter Amateur Radio Band. Restated, change the Code Requirement from all frequencies below 30 MHz to all frequencies below 28.1 MHz.

As a final comment, please do NOT change the CW (Morse Code) Sub Bands below 30 MHz.

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